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Reply to Office action of December 1, 2003
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for weight reduction, comprising a water-soluble chitosan having a molecular weight of between 2,000 Da and 20,000 Da, and a Hibiscus extract and L-carnitine, wherein the composition comprises 30 to 70% by weight of chitosan, 15 to 50% by weight of a Hibiscus extract, and 15 to 50% by weight of L-carnitine.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises 53% by weight of chitosan, 18% by weight of a Hibiscus extract, and 29% by weight of L-carnitine.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of inducing weight reduction in a subject comprising administering to said subject a composition comprising a water-soluble chitosan having a molecular weight of between 2,000 Da and 20,000 Da, ~~and~~ a Hibiscus extract and L-carnitine, wherein the composition comprises 30 to 70% by weight of chitosan, 15 to 50% by weight of a Hibiscus extract, and 15 to 50% by weight of L-carnitine in an amount sufficient to produce a reduction in weight of the subject.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)

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8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the composition comprises 53% by weight of chitosan, 18% by weight of a Hibiscus extract, and 29% by weight of L-carnitine.